

CONTAGIOUS COLDS EPIDEMIC IN CITY; RAIN WOULD HELP

Health Department Head Says
No Danger From Affection.
No Flu Or Pneumonia Re-
ported This Season.

Infectious colds in such numbers that it has almost reached epidemic proportions are causing no end of discomfort to Memphians. There are two kinds of colds, according to Dr. J. J. Durrett, superintendent of the city health department. One form is contagious and the other is not.

The brand with which so many people in Memphis are affected is the contagious kind, Dr. Durrett says, and unless there is rainfall here soon it will probably spread to all parts of the city.

Dr. Durrett is speaking from experience for he is suffering from a very severe cold himself and is only one of many city employees similarly affected.

"The germs of cold are spread by the fine particles of dust which fly in the air. A good rain just about now would help matters a whole lot and I am hoping that it will rain soon."

"So far this season the health department has had no cases of influenza or pneumonia reported but if flu germs are prevalent a person affected with a heavy cold is, of course, more susceptible."

The epidemic of colds, according to Dr. Durrett, is nothing for the public to become alarmed over and aside from the personal discomfort of the sufferer there is not necessarily any danger.

He pointed out, however, that persons suffering with a cold should always cover their mouths when sneezing and should use every precaution possible to avoid spreading the germs among their friends and neighbors.

The city health department of Memphis is prepared to combat any outbreak of the flu, if such a thing should occur, but health authorities do not anticipate any such outbreak.

Claims Wife Lost Love For Him As He Fought Overseas

Charging that on his return from service overseas his wife cared for him no longer, Walter Lewis Wednesday filed suit for divorce from Nancy Belote Lewis in chancery court. They were married, so the bill recites, in Georgia in 1917. He declares that the defendant, on his return, packed her belongings and left Memphis, later writing him that she no longer cared for him.

MISSISSIPPI-WARRIOR SERVICE ENLARGED

Enlargement of the Mississippi-Warrior river section service within the next few days, was assured by J. A. P. Higgins, assistant traffic manager, of St. Louis, who was a visitor in this city Wednesday.

Mr. Higgins said that in the future all tows from St. Louis down the river would include a special barge for Memphis. Within the next two weeks the service will inaugurate three tows a week where heretofore there have been only three or four a month.

The increase in the service, he said, was due to additional equipment being received. Five new towboats have just been completed and another one will be finished soon. The "Natchez," one of the new boats, which was recently completed, was given a trial trip last Saturday at Charleston, W. Va., and that boat will be placed in the New Orleans-St. Louis trade immediately.

The "Birmingham," a self-propelled Warrior barge, will leave St. Louis Oct. 20, for New Orleans, stopping at this city en route. After her arrival in New Orleans she will be sent to the Warrior river for permanent runs.

ALLEGED NEW ORLEANS BANDITS IDENTIFIED

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 14.—Gus Tomes, alias "Dutch" Gardner, has been identified as one of the three men who entered the Stassi grocery store Monday night and took part in the robbery which ended in the murder of young John Stassi. The identification was made by John Stassi, the murdered boy's father, according to police.

Shortly after the identification of Tomes, police say, Mrs. Stassi, who was in the store at the time of the robbery, identified Roy Pinchon as the man who held the Stassi family at bay while his two companions rifled the cash register in the store. Young Stassi was shot and killed as he attempted to board the bandits' auto.

M'PHERSON DEAD.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 14.—Sherman T. McPherson, former United States district attorney for the Southern district of Ohio, died at his home in Norwood last night, following a sudden relapse, due to heart disease.

Chamber Commerce Journal Off Press

The October issue of the Chamber of Commerce Journal is just off the press.

The October number is fully up to the high standard established for the Journal in the past and does credit to its editor, John A. Olsnach and his corps of live-wire assistants.

"Little Visits to Memphis Industries," featuring the plant and organization of the United States Bedding company, is a leading feature of the issue.

Divine Will Leaves Property To Sister

Filed for probate Wednesday in the office of County Court Clerk John C. McInerney, the will of Thomas A. Divine, aged sportsman, leaves all of his property, real and personal, to his sister, Miss Sallie Divine, Monticello, Tenn.

The will was written by Mr. Divine himself and dated Aug. 23, 1915. It requests that she confer with his business associate, John M. Hill, but states that his bequest is without attachment.

TENNESSEE EVANGELIST DIES IN ENGLAND HOME

BIRMINGHAM, England, Oct. 14.—Charles M. Alexander, an evangelist known throughout the world, died suddenly at his home here yesterday.

Charles M. Alexander was born Oct. 24, 1867, at Maryville, Tenn. Early in life he engaged in evangelistic work, directing his activities to organizing and conducting large chorus choirs. He accompanied Rev. R. A. Torrey on an evangelistic tour of the world from 1902 to 1906. Dr. Alexander made a second tour of the world with his wife, formerly Miss Helen Cadbury, of Birmingham, in 1906 and 1907.

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JOHN W. M'CALL HEADS BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

John W. McCall was elected president of the First Baptist brotherhood, at the second quarterly meeting of

the organization at First church Tuesday night. Other officers elected were: Dr. W. R. Bethea, first vice-president; G. L. West, second vice-president; and Forest Cole, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. William Evans, of Chicago, one of the lecturers taking part in the

Bible conference, made the principal address of the evening, urging that religion is the biggest thing in the life of any individual. The speaker made a plea for more religion in the homes. "Make the homes religious and you save the nation, for the mothers' apron strings are the reins

of the government," Dr. Evans declared. Dinner was prepared and served by the men under the direction of W. C. Graves. The attendance was large and the meeting was one of the most inspiring that has been held in First church for a long time.

Police Get Late Report Of Robbery

Two masked white men in a small automobile held up and robbed Roy

P. Landman, 155 North Auburndale, Monday night. One of the men, according to a statement made by Landman to police Wednesday, furnished a revolver. Landman lost \$20, a gold watch and a silver cigarette case. Police have descriptions of the two men wanted.



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BLUE BIRD BUS LINE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Effective Beginning Saturday, Oct. 16th

After operating the Blue Bird Bus from Collierville to Memphis over a period of several weeks, and after changing the schedule several times in an effort to find the schedule best suiting the requirements of the majority of the patrons we have decided to change the schedule to the following:

Lv. Memphis 1 p.m. | Lv. Collierville 8 a.m.
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